

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

JENNIFER A. STOLLMAN

Jennifer A. Stollman is a United States historian who received her training at both Michigan State University and the University of Michigan. After teaching undergraduate and graduate students for 18 years, Dr. Stollman decided to commit herself full time as an educator and activist. Currently, she is the Academic Director for the William Winter Institute for Racial Reconciliation housed at the University of Mississippi. Focusing on the institutional mission "ending all oppression based on difference," she creates and executes professional and student development and workshops on diversity issues, cultural humility programming, anti-oppression activism, focuses on creating systemic and institutional change and campus crisis management as it relates to oppression incidents. She has shared her strategies, techniques and programs with several other campuses across the United States. She also researches and publishes on American history, college campus anti-oppression strategies, curriculum, programming and crisis management.

TIM CURRY

Tim joined the National Juvenile Defender Center in 2012. In his capacity as the Director of Training and Technical Assistance, Tim regularly works with front-line defenders, policymakers, and justice system stakeholders across the country to help support and develop specialized juvenile defense practice that is developmentally-appropriate, draws from national best practices, and provides youth with the highest-quality representation available. Prior to joining NJDC, Tim was the Supervising Attorney at D.C. Law Students in Court and an E. Barrett Prettyman Post-Graduate Fellow at Georgetown University Law Center. In both of those positions, he defended juveniles and adults accused of crimes in Washington, D.C. while also supervising the practice of third-year clinical students and teaching law school seminars on juvenile defense and trial skills. Prior to earning his law degree, Tim worked with various humanitarian relief and refugee organizations in Africa and had a career in journalism. Tim holds an LL.M. in Advocacy from Georgetown University Law Center, a J.D. from American University Washington College of Law, and a B.S. in Broadcast Journalism from Syracuse University.

BEAU RUDDER

Beau Rudder is the Director of Training at the Mississippi Office of State Public Defender. From 2003 to 2012 he was an Assistant Public Defender in Pascagoula, Mississippi, where he represented indigent clients charged with felonies ranging from non-violent drug offenses to capital murder. A native of Middletown, Ohio, Beau earned his BA from the University of Mississippi in 1999 and his JD from the University of Toledo School of Law in 2002. He is currently the Financial Officer for the National Alliance of Indigent Defense Educators and he is a past President of the Mississippi Public Defenders Association.

BRENDA LOCKE

Brenda Locke is a retired public defender who spent nearly 15 years in Jackson County representing minors charged with delinquent acts in youth court and adults charged with felony crimes in circuit court. She is currently employed as Juvenile Resource Attorney in the Mississippi Office of State Public Defender. Brenda serves on the Advisory Committee of the Southern Juvenile Defender Center and on the Advisory Committee for the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative Task Force. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in Paralegal Studies from the University of Southern Mississippi and her Juris Doctor from the University of Mississippi, School of Law. Brenda is a longtime member of MPDA and previously served on the board of directors. Brenda is also a Certified JTIP Trainer.